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Numismatic Society

Sir:

I have become very interested in descriptions of political campaigns medals and buttons which you have in your ownership.

I write to learn if you have any pamphlet which may give the pictures or reproductions

of any or all of these political campaign medals. I am seeking pictures of as many as possible for use in school this fall.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Winifred Austin

East Norton

Mass.

Jul. 29. 1912

July 31st, 1912.

Miss Winifred Austin,
East Norton,
Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I have received your letter of July 29th, and I fear that I can do but little toward supplying you with illustrations of the various political campaign medals.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Annual Proceedings of this Society of 1901, which contains an article on Lincoln medals illustrating among others a number of the campaign medals.

There are many interesting medals of this character from the time of Jackson on, and while we have here a large collection of these medals we have no photographs or other illustations of them. Many, of course, have been illustrated from time to time, but usually in short articles that have appeared in the various periodicals, and I do not know of any single publication that contains any large number of illustrations.

During the last few years there were very few political medals of this kind as the various campaign buttons being much cheaper to make, have been, as a general thing, the things used.

Should I at any time run across any other illustrations that might be of use to you, I will take pleasure in sending them, and if there is any information that you desire I will be glad to furnish it if possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Mr. Belden,
My dear Sir:

Your letter of July 31 - and the pamphlet with the Medallic History of Lincoln are before me and helped me to a decision for the dinner I plan for Ogonty School as a little surprise. I make bold to enclose a place card. All the presidents with a quotation of a patriotic nature are to

be used. The lighter vein of the dinner will be the table decorations which are to include the political emblems such as the federal cockade, tiger, elephant, rooster, log cabin, &c. One of the toasts is to be upon the medallic history of the U. S. Now what I seek to know is the first presidents bust to appear on a silver peace medal given to the Indian Chiefs. Ogontz was an Indian. Mr. Jay Cooke selected a Cathin model for the large bronze Indian in the building - the same has a

medal hanging from his neck. Do you suppose that Catlin had in mind these silver peace medals of the Indians?

Is it possible for me to secure from you The American Journal of Numismatics Apr.-July 1904, Apr. 1905?

Your letter called my attention to a phase of history to which I had given no special attention, but shall as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Winifred Austin

East Norton

Mass.

Sept. 10, 1912

September 11th, 1912.

Miss Winfred Austin,
East Norton,
Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I have just received your letter of September 10th, and am greatly obliged for the card that you enclosed.

The first President whose portrait appears on the Indian Peace Medals is John Adams. The reverse of the medal bears the design, which was continued by the later Presidents, clasped hands above which are a pipe and tomahawk crossed, and the inscription PEACE AND FREINDSHIP. No peace medal was issued by William Henry Harrison, and the Lincoln medal, which is described in Zabriskie's article, has a different reverse.

The first ~~West~~ Indian medal was that given to Red Jacket on his visit to Philadelphia in March and April 1792. It is a large oval medal about six and a half by five inches in size, and bears the full length figures of George Washington and an Indian Chief. The indian having one of these medals on his breast and smoking a pipe. Below is the inscription GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESIDENT 1792, and the reverse bears the arms of the United States. Red Jacket's medal is now, I believe, in the Buffalo Historical Society. I have never seen it, but I understand that several similar medals were made and given to other indians at some later time. One of these medals, which I presume is an original, is in the Mitchelson collection at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. This medal I have seen. The size I gave you I took from an illustration, and I guess is about right. The Librarian of the Connecticut State Library, Mr. George S. Godard, could give you the exact size if you wanted it.

I should think it more than likely that the medal on Catlin's Indian Portrait~~s~~ was one of the Presidential Peace Medals, though it would probably be hard to tell for which President.

There is an interesting and very scarce medal which is quite similar to the Presidential medal, and which was given by John Jacob Astor's Trading Company to Indian Chiefs. This bears a portrait of John Jacob Astor. It is described in Vol. 32, No. 1, of the American Journal of Numismatics, and I

am sending you this number, under separate cover, together with the other three numbers that you requested. These cost fifty cents each, and you are at liberty to keep them at that price, or to return them when you are through with them as you may desire.

I trust that the dinner you are planning will be most successful. It will certainly be interesting.

Should you desire any further information, I will be most happy to furnish it if possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

THE OGONTZ SCHOOL
OGONTZ, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Belden

My dear Sir

School duties have prevented me from acknowledging the receipt of the magazines. I retain one and enclose therefore fifty cents. I want to thank you for the great aid which you so graciously gave me both by letter and magazines. The dinner took place last week. The toasts were to the presidents as a whole and to peace medal recipients, claiming Ogontz as one. I asked Whitman's to send to you the Ogontz chocolate wafer. In it the medal may be seen just slightly. The political party emblems formed amusing center pieces.

Again let me thank you for your aid.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Winifred Austin

OCT 15 1912

October 26th, 1912.

Miss Winifred Austin,
Ogontz School,
Ogontz, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of October 15th enclosing fifty cents for the number of the American Journal of Numismatics, that you retained, also the three numbers of the Journal, that you returned, have been duly received.

I also received from Whitmans' the Ogontz chocolate wafers, for which I am greatly obliged. Am I right in the supposition that a medal has been issued similar to the little medal in the center of these chocolates?

I am glad to hear that your dinner was a success, also that you have found the information, that I sent you, of some use. Should I be able to assist you at any future time, I would be most glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

Director.

THE OGONTZ SCHOOL
OGONTZ, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Belden,

My dear Sir:

Two Ogontz medals were made - one is here between stairways - a very large one. Often it is termed a medallion.

Thanking you again,

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Winifred Austin

OCT 28 1912